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THE PRESIDENCY.

The Situation Practically Unchanged.

The Louisiana Returning Board at Last Gets Down to Contested Parishes.

With a Prospect of Having a Close and Acrimonious Inspection of Every Return.

The South Carolina Canvassers Resting Calmly Behind the Bars.

BUT LIKELY TO BREATH THE FREE AIR AGAIN TO-DAY.

The Florida Canvassers Ordered to Begin Work To-day.

LOUISIANA.
Counting the Vote.

NEW ORLEANS, November 25.—The Returning Board met at 11:30. Present for the Republicans—Messrs. Stoughton, Vanallen, Wilson, Kelley and Parker; for the Democrats—Messrs. Palmer, Trumbull, G. B. Smith, Bigler and Julien.

Governor Wells stated that he must dispense with the reading of any protests or motion before the Board, and that all evidence must be in before the close of the coming week, or the Board would not be able to go through with its deliberations.

Colonel Zacharie inquired whether the Board had determined to fill the vacancy, as it was more necessary to have a representative on the board toward the close of its deliberations than at any other time.

Gov. Wells stated that the board had never taken any action on the matter.

After argument on several unimportant questions the board went into executive session, and called for the returns, and announced the vote from the consolidated statements:

	HAYES.	TILDEN
De Sote	898	1,305
Ouachita	793	1,869
Lincoln	331	1,064
East Feliciana	none	1,736
West Feliciana	778	1,249
Richland	277	920
Caddo	2,687	1,654
Sabine	33	906

The votes cast by these parishes were not canvassed, there being contests fixed for a hearing next week, when the returns from parishes marked contested were opened. The Democratic counsel were allowed to be present. The returns from De Soto parish were brought in, and were contained in one package sealed with wax. When the seals were broken by the members of the Board there were found inside consolidated statements of the vote, the commissioners' statement, and tally sheets. Attached to the returns were a large number of protests and affidavits.

The Secretary of the Board said the package had been received on the 24th inst., and such was the entry in his receipt book. The returns, he said, had come by mail. In the course of the inspection it was discovered that one of the protests of the Supervisor, charging general intimidation, was dated November 25th, and sworn to in this city before a Commissioner of the Circuit Court. When called upon to explain how a protest dated on the 25th inst., today, could get into a sealed registered package, received by mail on the 18th, the Secretary said he had received two packages. He was detected by one of the Democratic counsel present in the act of making another entry in his book of the two packages received. After some delay another package was produced, and found to contain a consolidated statement of votes and the commissioners' returns, but no protests or affidavits. The members of the board were unable to explain the matter, and Senator Sherman, of the Republican Visiting Committee, remarked that there was no use to disguise the fact that the returns had been opened and protests inserted after the package of returns had been received. The affair created quite a sensation among the members of the committee present. The members of the Democratic Committee were very outspoken in the opinion that a fraud had been perpetrated, and the Republicans did not deny that the affair had a very peculiar aspect.

COLUMBIA, S. C., November 26.—It is understood that efforts will be made to have Judge Bondus release the Board of Canvassers upon a writ of *habeas corpus*. They are, however, still in jail, and no action of the character mentioned has yet been taken.

SOUTH CAROLINA.
The Contempt Case—The Board of Canvassers in Jail.

COLUMBIA, November 25.—The Supreme Court this afternoon took the order under advisement requiring the Board of State Canvassers to make a comparison of the returns of county canvassers and of precinct managers in the cases of Presidential electors, and will give a decision on Monday. The Court declined to issue an order giving certificates to members of the Legislature from Edgefield and Laurens counties, refused by the board, but stated that such members could obtain a copy of the record from the clerk of the court, which would be equivalent to a certificate.

The five members of the Board of Canvassers who were constructionally arrested this morning, reported at the jail this evening, where they are now confined. Their names are F. L. Cardozo, Treasurer; T. C. Dunn, Comptroller General; Wm. Stone, Attorney General; P. E. Hayne, Secretary of State, and H. W. Purvis, ex-Adjutant and Inspector General, comprising the Board of Canvassers.

The Law on the Side of the Board of Canvassers.

NEW YORK, November 26.—A Columbia dispatch states that Secretary of State Payne claims that the Board of Canvassers has not disobeyed any order of the court, that they complied with the only order received by them, which was to "make a return of the number of votes received by all the candidates at an election held on the 7th inst.," and when the next order was served to "issue certificates to the members of the Legislature ascertained to have received the highest number of votes" the board had been *functus officio* eleven hours. They maintained that the law was on their side, and that they were determined not to recede from their positions, or, as one of them said, "We won't purge worth a cent."

A Washington dispatch states that one of the legal positions to be taken by the Government will be that the Board of Canvassers of South Carolina are in the discharge of duty quasi Federal officials so far as relates to their functions in passing upon the votes for Federal officers, in which category the Presidential electors will be considered as being.

FLORIDA.
The Canvassers Ordered to Meet and Count the Vote To-day.

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., November 25.—The Board of Canvassers received a notification this morning from the Secretary of State, who is ex-officio member of the board, and charged with calling it together, that they must meet at 12 o'clock noon on Monday to canvass the vote of the State. The Judge has not yet decided the injunction and mandamus cases now pending before him, and this action of the board seems to obviate the necessity of a decision, as this will be doing what the Democratic managers prayed the court to command to be done. The board will admit a committee of five from each of the political parties and the Chairmen of the two State Committees to its decision. The application as to the admission of newspaper correspondents has not yet been decided. The official returns are now all in. The result will hardly be reached before the 6th of December, when by the laws of the United States electors' certificates must be issued.

OREGON.
The Probable Contest.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 25.—A Portland dispatch says the Court denies that any application has yet been made for an injunction restraining the issuance of a certificate of election to Watts. The Democrats state positively that such action will be taken. The Republicans are confident that a certificate cannot be legally withheld. It is reported on good authority that Wigginton will contest Pocheco's election in the Fourth district of this State.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 26. — A *Chronicle* special from Portland, Oregon, says: "Intimate friends of Gov. Grover assert that he will give Watts a certificate of election. Some Conservative Democrats and Republicans generally say the Governor lacks backbone to refuse a certificate. Cronin, the Democratic elector, who received the highest vote, stated recently that he would not accept the appointment if Watts was thrown out. Nothing can be surely stated till the count is made."

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.
The Republican Majority.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 26.—Washington Territory gives Jacob, Republican, for Delegate to Congress, at least 300 majority. The Territorial council is six Republican and five Democrats, and the lower House eighteen Republicans and twelve Democrats.

NEW YORK.
The Vote of the State.

ALBANY, November 25.—The Board of State Canvassers completed their labors to-day. The footings of the votes cast for Presidential Electors stand: Democratic—Horatio Seymour, 522,518; Dewitt C. West, 522,612. Republican—Abraham X. Parker, 489,529; Wm. H. Seward, 489,547. Cast for Peter Cooper (Greenback) Electors, 1,987, and for Green C. Smith, 2,359.

MISSOURI.
The Vote in the State.

ST. LOUIS, November 25.—The aggregate vote of Missouri for President is 350,583, an increase of 72,598 over that of 1872, and the Democratic majority is 22,846 greater than four years ago.

ARKANSAS.
The Official Vote.

LITTLE ROCK, November 25.—The official vote of Arkansas is as follows: Tilden, 58,983; Hayes, 38,669; Cooper, 211.

GEORGIA.
Tilden's Majority.

ATLANTA, November 25.—Tilden's official majority in Georgia is 81,181.

OUR CORPS OF ENGINEERS.

What has Been Done by Them During the Past Year.

WASHINGTON, November 25.—Gen. Humphreys, Chief of the Engineer Corps, has just completed his annual report—ending June 30, 1876. There are now 107 active commissioned officers in the corps, and 5 on the retired list. Scientists and assistant engineers have been employed as needed for the work during the year. Gen. Humphreys notes particularly the system of harbor defences which has been recommended by every experienced engineer and by the General of the Army.

The main features of this system are the use of heavy earthen barbette batteries, with parados and traverses of heavy mortar batteries, and of obstructions in the channels (mainly electrical torpedoes), to hold vessels from running past the batteries and reaching the cities or depots beyond them. Works of this kind have been steadily progressing since 1869, and in many of our harbors are well advanced towards completion, but in none of the harbors are these alterations finished, while in some of our important harbors along the gulf coast the works are scarcely commenced.

Regarding the pressing necessity for the completion of works in advance of hostilities, Gen. Humphreys urges the preparation of our harbors for successful resistance against incursions of the powerful ironclads of the present day.

On the subject of river and harbor appropriations for the current fiscal year, Gen. Humphreys says: "Of the amounts appropriated for public works on rivers and harbors by the act approved August 14, 1876, certain allotments had been made in compliance with the instructions of the Secretary of War of September 14, limiting the expenditure under the act to $2,000,000, and directing that no new work of improvements should be begun."

He then gives in detail the amounts expended, and also gives the amounts which the various officers say can be profitably expended next year. Among these are enumerated: For improvement of Mississippi between Ohio and Illinois rivers $500,000; mouth of Mississippi $150,000; Ohio river $650,000; Great Kanawha $1,000,000; and various other rivers and harbors in the West. He makes no recommendations.

TILDEN AND HENDRICKS.

What Governor Hendricks Said of the Situation.

NEW YORK, November 25.—The *Tribune* says in his interview with Governor Tilden last evening, Governor Hendricks said that the public sentiment in the Western States in regard to the election was so strong that he was impelled to come East to ascertain the condition of public feeling here. He expressed his admiration at the conduct of the Southern Democrats, who, without the least manifestation of turbulence, had appealed everywhere to the Courts, and were glad both in the West and on his journey hitherward to notice the disposition of all parties to have matters amicably and lawfully settled. He felt that their cause was just and would ultimately triumph by the will of the American people. Governor Tilden fully concurred with all of Governor Hendricks' remarks, and there appeared to be perfect accord of ideas in regard to the questions of the hour. While there seemed to be a lack of confidence in the doings of the Returning Boards in the South, no disposition was manifest on the part of either Governor Tilden or Governor Hendricks to enter upon a decided plan of action.

BRISTOW WILL KEEP QUIET.

He Thinks He Does Not Need any Vindication.

LOUISVILLE, November 25. — Ex-Secretary Bristow to day, in an interview with a *Courier Journal* reporter, who asked if the article in the New York *Sun* of Thursday about the whisky prosecutions was the vindication of himself which some of the eastern papers said would appear as soon as the election was over, said all the statements about his publishing any vindication of him if were unauthorized; he had not felt that his official conduct needed any vindication, and he had not thought of either making, or having such vindication made; he had no desire to thrust his personal matters before the people; but if he had, he should not select the present moment, when the people are deeply concerned about matters of more serious moment. In reference to the article in the *Sun*, he had heard nothing of it until he read it today. The article, he says, contains matters he had not heard of before.

The St. Louis Contested Election Case.

ST. LOUIS, November 25.—In the Metcalf-Frost mandamus case to-day, Jno. F. Hasted, clerk of election at precinct 57, testified that he made up the poll book of that precinct, and that the total footing was 272 for Frost, instead of 292. This witness did not sustain himself very well on cross examination, it being shown that he had identified the wrong book as the one he had made up, and his re-recollection of some matters about which he was questioned being defective. Two newspaper reporters testified that they were at the County Clerk's office on Wednesday night following the election, to procure returns, and that when those of the Third Congressional district were called off by one of the clerks, the figures from precinct 57 were 272 for Frost, and that they were so printed in all the city papers next morning. Other witnesses will be examined on Monday.

Smallpox Among Icelanders.

ST. PAUL, MINN., November 25.—A Winnipeg dispatch says there is a serious outbreak of smallpox at the Gimli settlement of Icelanders on Lake Winnipeg, and twenty deaths have occurred in ten days. Dr. Hynck, a physician sent out by Lieut. Gov. Morris, has eighty cases on his hands, and telegraphs that of twenty Indians at Sandy Bar only two survive. The Lieutenant Governor has issued a proclamation warning all people from contact with the settlement, and sent troops to enforce it.

The Revolution in Lower California.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 25.—Private advices received here render it probable that the revolution in Lower California, reported yesterday, is the beginning of an insurrectionary movement in favor of Porfiro Diaz, which will spread though that State. Scarcely any Government troops are there to oppose the revolutionists.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Sailing of the Russian Squadron from Naples.

The Russian War Office Buying Sledges for a Winter Campaign.

Destructive Inundation in Central America.

THE WAR CLOUD.
Sailing of a Russian Squadron.

LONDON, November 26.—The Russian squadron has sailed from Naples. The destination is unknown.

England and the Conference.

A dispatch from Vienna reports that the Marquis of Salisbury declared in conversation there that England would not appear at the conference an opponent in principle of Russia. It would depend on whether Russia drew up her demands in a form to guarantee the rights of the Christian subjects in Turkey without destroying the sovereignty of the Porte. He would not regard it as a violation of the sovereignty if the Porte were to enter into certain engagements with Europe regarding the Porte's subjects, and the powers were to co-operate in the introduction of guaranteed reforms.

PARIS, November 26.—*Le Temps* says England and Russia are agreed as to the character of the guarantees required, a trifling difference only existing on the subject of the occupation of Bulgaria.

German Interests.

LONDON, November 27.—The *Standard's* dispatch from Berlin says while Russia does not interfere with German interests, Germany feels morally obliged to support Russia's claims at the coming conference. Should war be unavoidable, Germany would not object to the invasion of Bulgaria by Russia.

The Line of Demarkation.

Reuter's telegram from Ragusa states that the line of demarcation between the Turkish and Montenegrin armies is settled. The zone between the belligerents is two kilometers wide.

LONDON, November 27.—The Vienna correspondent of the *Times* telegraphs that the difference in the conference will be on the question of occupation, and every proposal tending toward a compromise or delay on that point readily approved. Hence it has proposed that an European commission be formed to watch the accomplishment of the reforms; also that this commission have power to move for an armed occupation. The success of this project depends on its acceptance by Russia, hopes of which are becoming fainter daily. So the question again comes to the foreground, What will the powers do if Russia declines such compromise and insists on occupation and carries it into effect? The attitude of the Porte, according to news from Constantinople, is not reassuring. The Porte still takes up its portion of the 9th article of the treaty of Paris, which provides that the powers shall not interfere in the internal affairs of the Turkish empire.

Russia Buying Sledges.

A Berlin dispatch to the *News* reports that the Russian War Office is buying great quantities of sledges for transport service in a winter campaign.

Military Convention.

A Vienna dispatch to the *Daily News* says the Polish papers report that Russia proposes that Servia conclude with her a military convention such as existed between Bavaria and the North German Confederation during the Franco-German war.

GREAT BRITAIN.
The Iron Trade.

LONDON, November 25.—A memorandum furnished the Foreign Office by the President of the British Iron Trade Association states that a large proportion of the furnaces are out of blast, and a still larger proportion of forges and mills for the production of malleable iron are closed. Thousands of workmen have been discharged, and the wages of those retained are materially reduced. The distress is greatest in the rail making districts of South Whales and the north of England, but is also very great in Staffordshire, the midland counties and Scotland. The depression is not confined to England, but is felt on the continent with almost equal severity. Germany and Belgium are the greatest sufferers. France is not so bad off, but prices are extremely low, and trade is evidently in a critical and unsound condition.

CENTRAL AMERICA.
Destructive Inundations.

NEW YORK, November 25.—The steamer from Aspinwall arrived to night. The severity of the "Norther" at Aspinwall and continued rains served to overflow the railroad track for miles. The Pueblos, along the line from Gatun to Mattochin, were inundated, and the inhabitants forced to save their dwellings. The last train across was on the 10th inst., and soon after telegraphic communication was broken and was not resumed for several days. Through communication between Panama and Aspinwall had not been restored when the steamer sailed on the 17th inst. The inhabitants of Gatun had taken refuge in the church. The waters had risen in the houses more than five feet. Disastrous results of the freshet were feared at Buena Vista, which could not be reached.

RUSSIA.
Imperial Ukase.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 25.—An Imperial Ukase has been promulgated providing that after the 1st of January next customs duties shall be payable in gold or coupons negotiable abroad, and also relieving common carriers from responsibility under contracts for the early delivery of merchandise where interfered with by circumstances beyond their control.

The New Loan.

The subscriptions in St. Petersburg and Moscow alone to the loan of 100,000,000 roubles authorized by an Imperial decree of November 18 exceed that amount.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 26.—The subscriptions here and at Moscow to the new loan exceed the amount asked for one hundred millions roubles.

LONDON, November 27.—The *News'* Berlin dispatch reports that some subscriptions to the Russian loan have been received at St. Petersburg from abroad, one for five millions of roubles from a London hotel.

SPAIN.
Religious Toleration.

MADRID, November 26.—An important debate took place in Congress yesterday on the question of religious toleration. The discussion lasted eight hours, and resulted in a vote by which a majority of the House declared its approval of the Government measures.

A DEFAULTER GETS AWAY.

He Escapes for the Time Through a Technicality, but is Likely to be Secured for Justice in the End.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 26.—Alfred Von Meheir several weeks ago decamped with $40,000 from the bank of Parratt & Co., by whom he was employed. He was overhauled at Mazatlan, Mexico, but the detective who went with a requisition to arrest him was balked by U. S. Vice Consul McIlatin, who alleged that the Governor of California had no authority to give such a requisition. The detective intimates that the Vice Consul is in league with the criminal, and that the detention of the prisoner is being used for political capital against the Military Governor of Mazatlan. The attention of President Grant has been called, and a requisition on President Lerdo, direct, made out. Meantime the prisoner has been held.

The Billiard Tournament.

NEW YORK, November 25.—The afternoon game in the billiard tournament was between Rudolph and Shaffer. The former won—300 to 172. Garnier and James Dion opened the evening play. Garnier was 208 when Dion ran the game out. Slosson and Cyrill Dion followed. This was the most plucky and closely contested game of the series. Dion started by making a run of 114. Slosson caught up and showed a good deal of scientific play. On the twenty-first inning Dion stood 267 and Slosson 285, when the latter made a run, winning the game on an average of 14 9-21.

Marine News.

NEW YORK, November 25.—Arrived—The steamships Adriatic, from Liverpool, and Cornwall, from Bristol.

LONDON, November 25.—Arrived out—The steamships Bothnia, from New York, and Nova Scotian, from Baltimore.

LONDON, November 26.—The steamship City of Berlin and Victoria, from New York, have arrived out.

NEW YORK, November 26.—Arrived—The steamships City of Chester and Italy, from Liverpool.

BOSTON, November 26.—Arrived—The steamship Olympus, from Liverpool.

Sports on the Turf.

RICHMOND, Va., November 25.—The first race was a ¾ mile dash for all ages. First Chance took the lead at the start and kept it to the finish. Time 1:20. The second race, 1¼ miles, for all ages, was won by Hatteras in 2:42 3-4. The third race, 1¼ miles, for all ages, was won by Libby L. in 2:18.

SUPPRESSING REBELLION.

Gov. Chamberlain, of South Carolina, to be Sustained in His Position—Federal Troops to Preserve the Peace.

WASHINGTON, November 26.—The following was sent from this city to-night:

WASHINGTON, November 26, 1876.

Gen. Thomas H. Ruger, or Col. H. M. Black, Columbia, S. C.:

The following has been received from the President:

"EXECUTIVE MANSION, Nov. 26, 1876.

"*Hon. J. D. Cameron, Secretary of War.*

"SIR—D. N. Chamberlain is now Governor of the State of South Carolina beyond any controversy, and remains so until the new Governor shall be duly and legally inaugurated. Under the Constitution the Government has been called upon to aid with the military and naval forces of the United States to maintain a republican Government in the State against resistance too formidable to be overcome by the State authorities. You are directed, therefore, to sustain Governor Chamberlain in his authority against domestic violence until otherwise directed.

"U. S. GRANT."

In obeying these instructions you will advise with the Governor, and dispose your troops in such manner as may be deemed best in order to carry out the spirit of the above order of the President. Acknowledge receipt. J. D. CAMERON,
Secretary of War.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

CINCINNATI, November 26.—Rev. J. D. Williams, D. D., the distinguished author and divine, and one of the fathers of Odd Fellowship in America, died this afternoon, aged 70.

NEW YORK, November 26.—Anthony Comstock's agents to-day arrested George H. Saulin, a Frenchman employed as turner in a number of fashionable schools, for circulating obscene photographs and books among his pupils. Two complaints were preferred against him, on both of which he was held for trial in $10,000 bail.

NEW YORK, November 25.—In the case of Eugenie Martinez against Juan Del Valle for $50,000 damages for breach of promise of marriage and betrayal, the jury gave a verdict for plaintiff, assessing the damages at fifty dollars.

NEW YORK, November 26.—A *Herald* reporter sent yesterday a card to Tweed, inquiring if he had any statement to make reflecting on Tilden. Tweed encircled the question with a deep blue pencil mark, and over it wrote in big, bold blue characters the one word "None."

WASHINGTON, November 25.—Gen. O. O. Howard and his secretaries, Boss Shepherd and Edgar Ketchum, were sued to day to recover $22,708, which, it is charged, he has not accounted for as Disbursing Officer of the Freedmen's Bureau.

LONDON, November 25.—The Duchess of Edinburgh gave birth to a daughter to-day at Malta.

NEW CASTLE, DEL., November 25.—Six convicts were whipped in the pillory to-day, receiving from twenty to forty lashes.

MEMPHIS, November 25.—Com. Paul Shirley, of the U. S. Navy, died on the train while en route to this city. He was coming to visit his sister.

NEW YORK, November 25.—Jeff Davis arrived to-day on the steamer Adriatic.

ST. LOUIS, November 25.—Judge James K. Knight, an old and highly esteemed jurist, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself. Cause—financial embarrassment and defeat at the recent election, when he ran for re-election to the judicial office. He was an able lawyer and recognized as one of the best members of the judiciary.

LAKE CITY, November 26.—The telegraph lines between this place and Tallahassee are prostrated, and will not be in working order to-night.

LONDON, November 26.—James Whiteside, Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench in Ireland, died yesterday, aged 68.

Military Movements.

ST. LOUIS, November 26.—A Leavenworth special says part of the Twenty-third Infantry, now in the department of the Platte, is ordered to report to General Pope at Ft. Leavenworth. One company of the regiment is now here, having arrived from Omaha some days ago. The officers at Ft. Leavenworth deny that the Government is concentrating troops at Washington to meet an emergency, and say there has been no unusual movement of troops lately. The East has now no more troops than several years past, and it is not likely to have even after the close of the Indian war and the troubles in the South. The troops now in the Northwest and South will be distributed in the departments of the Missouri, Platte and Dakota, and very few will be sent East. The Indian troubles which have threatened southern Colorado are about ended. The prompt action of the military had the desired effect, and matters have quieted down, a majority of the Indians there having gone upon the reservations provided for them by the Government.

Statue of Daniel Webster.

NEW YORK, November 25.—A statue of Daniel Webster, donated to the city by Gordon W. Burnham, was unveiled to-day with appropriate ceremonies in the presence of a large number of spectators. The proceedings were opened with an address from President Martin, of the Department of Parks. Mr. Burnham made the presentation of the statue, which was accepted on behalf of the city by Mayor Wickham. Other addresses followed. The statue is situated in Central Park at the Fifth and Seventy-second street entrance, and is fourteen feet high. The pedestal is fifteen feet high, and the two together weigh about one hundred and twenty-five tons. The cast was made by Muller of Munich.

QUO WARRANTO PROCEEDING.

The Case of the Butler County Sheriff—The Butler County Court Reversed.

In the case of the Commonwealth ex rel. vs. the Sheriff of Butler county, a quo warranto proceeding to oust him from office for alleged perjury in taking the oath of office, the Supreme Court reversed the court below. The learned judge in the lower court held that a conviction was necessary before the Sheriff could be ousted but the Supreme Court think different.

The opinion of the Supreme Court was rendered by Justice Paxson, who says that the word "guilty" in the Constitution does not mean conviction, the framers of the Constitution recognizing the distinction themselves, as will appear from reading the instrument. When the Attorney General, the court says, applies for a writ of quo warranto, either in person, or through his deputy, the writ should be granted without the proceeding of a rule to show cause, but the case was different when a private party applies, and perhaps even when private parties attend to the proceedings, having merely the use of the Attorney General's name. A writ of quo warranto in this case was entirely proper and could not be set aside on the respondent. The proceeding before a court of criminal jurisdiction was the road to the Penitentiary, while the quo warranto proceeding was the road to a forfeiture of the office. A conviction of perjury is not necessary to proceed by quo warranto. There he was entitled to a trial by jury to determine the facts in dispute. If both proceedings were entered and pushed, he would have two trials, a criminal, while by the quo warranto proceeding, the merits of the case would be passed upon, and if against him, would not have the effect of sending him to the Penitentiary. Therefore it is not for him to say that injustice was done him. The order quashing the writ was reversed.

Exhorting the Police to Diligence.

Mayor McCarthy has issued a circular to police lieutenants in which he says: "Daily observation demonstrates, with discouraging prominence, the fact that many patrolmen fall short of the full and faithful performance of their duties, as enjoined upon them by police rules 13 and 14, on pages 19 and 20 of the manual; and this neglect or failure frequently seems to be, in a measure, directly attributable to corresponding indifference on the part of lieutenants. There are exceptions; but while these afford laudable proofs of the efficiency of the officers concerned, rendering them deserving of commendation, they also serve to illustrate the inefficiency of a portion of the force, who make their rounds mechanically, like a wheel in its revolutions, traversing their allotted beats by the clock, and little, if any, regard to surroundings, to persons whom they may meet or pass, or to aught else, and intent only on reaching "headquarters" on time. Such patrolmen are utterly useless." Several exceptions to this rule are mentioned, and three cases cited in which Chief of Detectives Roger O'Mara, roundsman Sol. Coulson, and officer Daniel Motts made important arrests by keeping their eyes open. In conclusion, the Mayor says to lieutenants: "You will be expected to give more substantial evidence of your fitness for the places you hold; and in no better way can you do this than by at once seeing to it that the patrolmen under your charge make themselves thoroughly familiar with, and faithfully observe the prescribed rules, especially those above particularly referred to."

Laugh! Laugh!

The "North Carolinians" will open at the Academy of Music to-night. We bespeak a large attendance. Purchase tickets at Hale's music store, and let our citizens show their appreciation of the Young Men's Home.

BREVITIES.

Paragraphic Pencilings of Passing Events.

·····Councils meet this afternoon.

·····The Workhouse will soon be supplied with water by its own apparatus.

·····There is a prospect of a strike among the coal miners at Walker's Mills, near Mansfield.

·····The Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce is announced to meet this afternoon.

·····Mrs. Portzer, of No. 45 Sandusky street, Allegheny, fell in a fit yesterday while walking up Anderson street.

·····Chief Ross was postrated last night in the Allegheny lockup by an attack of vertigo. He was insensible for some time.

·····A party of ten Eastern gentlemen is now in the city endeavoring to organize an expedition to Cuba in search of better times.

·····A meeting of oil producers will be held at Clarion this afternoon to consider the precarious and uncertain condition of the trade, and discuss the methods of remedying in.

·····A meeting will be held to-morrow evening at Bellevue for the purpose of exciting the interest of the people of that locality in the proposed Allegheny & Emsworth Narrow Guage Railroad.

·····A number of the residents in the neighborhood of Penn station, on the Pennsylvania railroad, were out in force the other day hunting a bear, which they suppose is dodging around that vicinity.

·····A box containing $45 in coin, belonging to Enoch Seyton, a wealthy farmer of McCandless township, was stolen from where it was buried near his house, while he was away at the Centennial a week or two ago.

·····The Sportsmen's Association of Western Pennsylvania, will have a grand game supper at Kinder Blair's, on Fifth avenue, on Thanksgiving evening. Every kind of game to be found in Western Pennsylvania will be served, as well as all varieties of game fish.

·····We prognosticate a war, and that the GAZETTE man will be drafted and get a job driving a mule team—*Leader.* And we predict that the *Leader* man will occupy his former position as off mule in the team, and that we will exhort the impenitent cuss with all our old time fervor.

·····On Friday evening Mr. Thomas Herrad, residing at the foot of Nineteenth street, was thrown from a buggy at the corner of Grant street and Fifth avenue, sustaining severe injuries. He was carried into Abel's drug store and his wounds dressed by Dr. Donnelly.

·····Col. J. F. Milliken, of the Fifth Regiment, at Hollidaysburg, whose famous "general order No. 9" has been so variously commented upon by the newspapers, says it was issued for the sole purpose of stirring up the members of his command and making them more attentive to duty.

·····About four o'clock on Saturday morning, while Miss Jennie McNary, aged eighteen years, daughter of Mr. Joseph McNary, who lives at Cook station, two miles this side of Washington, Pa., was returning from a party, she was thrown from her horse and instantly killed. Her remains will be interred to-day.

·····J. C. Hermitage, an alleged "commercial tourist," eloped one day toward the close of last week with Miss Henne, the daughter of a well known and wealthy farmer in Blair county. The old man got after them with a horse-whip, and arrived just as the ceremony was about to be performed. He took his daughter home, and upon her would-be betrayer he laid the horse-whip with all the strength of his sturdy arms.

·····The residence of Hugh McCormick, a brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Plum Creek, was destroyed by fire Saturday night. The fire occurred late at night, after the family had retired, and had gained such headway when discovered that they narrowly escaped with their lives, and saved nothing but themselves from the flames. There was $300 in greenbacks burned, in addition to all the household furniture, bedding, etc.

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☞ MASONIC—THE OFFICERS and members of the 17th District, A. Y. M., are hereby notified to meet at the Diamond Hall, Allegheny, on MONDAY, November 27, at 7 o'clock P. M., and at the Hall, Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh, on WEDNESDAY, November 29, at 7 o'clock P. M.
A. M. POLLOCK, D. D. G. Master.
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POLITICAL.
PITTSBURGH.

☞ FOR MAYOR,
JARED M. BRUSH,
Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.

☞ FOR CITY CONTROLLER,
R. M. SNODGRASS,
Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.

☞ FOR CITY TREASURER,
SAMUEL KILGORE,
Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.

☞ FOR CITY TREASURER,
J. F. DENNISTON,
TWENTIETH WARD, PITTSBURGH.
Subject to the decision of the Republican Primary Election.

ALLEGHENY.

☞ FOR MAYOR,
WALTON WOOLSEY,
ELEVENTH WARD, ALLEGHENY.
Subject to the decision of the Republican Primary Election.

☞ FOR MAYOR,
W. C. COOKE,
FIFTH WARD, ALLEGHENY,
Will be a candidate before the Republicans of Allegheny for the nomination of Mayor.

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THOS. MEGRAW,
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Subject to the decision of the Republican Primary Meeting. 154

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA.—In the matter of the petition of Charles H. Armstrong, Jr., for adjudication in Bankruptcy of himself and Charles H. Armstrong, copartners as Charles H. Armstrong & Son, Debtors. No. 2755 in Bankruptcy. At Pittsburgh, in said District, on the 27th day of November, A. D. 1876.

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SAMUEL HARPER,
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INTERESTING features are expected in the Louisiana Returning Board to-day. Thus far it has pursued the even tenor of its way.

IN the FROST-METCALF suit in St. Louis it is proven that the returns were altered after they reached the clerk's office, and that METCALF (Republican) is undeniably elected. It is not yet at all clear that the lower House of next Congress will be Democratic.

HON. EDWARD MCPHERSON, of this State, whose "Political Handbook" has become a recognized authority in political matters, has been engaged to edit the *Tribune Almanac*. That his work will be carefully and accurately performed, none need doubt.

THE solid advance and increased demand for oil, noted in our report, are of the deepest interest to this city. At the present we look more to this product for the revival of trade among us than we do to our iron interests. The policy we have urged has been followed, and the results are, so far, as we predicted.

THE finding of the body of one of the Republican Surpervisors of Election in North Carolina, drowned, under circumstances that show conclusively that it was deliberately and purposely done, proves beyond doubt the method whereby that State was carried by the Democracy. North Carolina is honestly a Republican State, but terrorism and fraud have dotte their work.

THE latest from Florida is that the Return Board will commence the canvass of the votes to-day, and that the Republicans have a majority of the ballots as cast. This is given on the authority of the New York *Evening Post*, a careful and reliable journal. While no doubt, a legal contest will be had, on such grounds as the Democracy can develop, we do not doubt that Florida will come in easily as a Republican State, on an honest count, even of the vote as cast.

THE Ohio Democrats have resolved, in the most terrible language, against the concentration of troops at Washington, and regard the action of the President as a reflection on some one. As the President has the constitutional right to move the troops about, as his judgment and the public interests may dictate, it seems rather impudent for General EWING or JOHN G. THOMPSON, of Ohio, to interfere. Besides, we know of no honest persons who are at all disturbed by the movements of the troops.

WE suggest that the *Post* exercise some of its energy in the interest of honest counts on its partisans in Virginia, who have been using their ingenuity since the election to count out a Republican Congressman in that State. Also, in Maryland, where the Democracy actually changed enough votes directly from the Republican to the Democrat to elect him. In the Petersburg district, Virginia, the Republicans had 5,000 majority, which necessitated considerable figuring to overcome. They are at it, however.

THE South Carolina Supreme Court under lead of Chief Justice MOSES, has issued an order, fining the members of the Returning Board $1,500 each, and imprisoning them at the pleasure of the court, for contempt in counting and declaring the result of the election. As this was the exact duty the Board was sworn to perform, it is rather difficult to see where the contempt comes in, but it is proposed to submit to the order of the court, unless legal redress can be had. Wherein an imprisoned Returning Board can be of any value to the Democracy we do not see.

THERE is something very noticeable in the profoundly religious spirit mainfested by Chairman HEWITT and Judge WILLARD of the State Supreme Court of South Carlina. The Judge talks as though he were drunk, and his maudlin familiarity with the Deity constitutes the worst form of irreverence. HEWITT, however, knows how to make his pious expressions look well. But to commend WADE HAMPTON, after his career as a rebel, and his later career as the leader in the intimidations of South Carolina, as a man governed by a spirit of reverence for the Deity, is not far short of blasphemy itself. At the present HAMPTON is struggling to have a frandulent vote counted in order that he may seize upon the State authority, and make South Carolina what Mississippi and Georgia are. Religion, pure and undefiled, rules high in the Democratic camp just now.

COUNCILS meet to-day, and several important subjects are to be considered. The question of issuing new five per cent. bonds in place of the four per cent. compromise bonds will probably be again brought up for final action. We hope this proposition will be killed beyond all hope of resurrection. There is not a single fact to recommend it, while there are many in opposition. The figures show that even could an exchange be made as proposed we would lose rather than gain by the operation, to say nothing of the commissions that would come out of it. The four per cent. bonds are in the best possible shape now. They are being gradually and steadily redeemed by the proceeds of the Sinking Fund established for that purpose, and the policy should be to steadily reduce the amount, and finally dispose of them altogether. There is no possible advantage to result to the city from the change, and we hope Councils will be firm against it.

CONGRESS AND PRESIDENT.

The uncertainty assumed to exist relative to the Presidential outcome, has led to a very thorough discussion of the powers of Congress, both as a united body, and as separate and distinct Houses, over the Presidential question. CLARKSON N. POTTER, a lawyer of New York, has presented what may be termed the extreme Democratic view. We give, in another article, what may be accepted as the Republican view of the same subject. In making up his case, Mr. POTTER deals so unfairly and untruthfully with reports and precedents in Louisiana, that we put aside that part of his showing as of no value. Carrying the question of the Presidential election into Congress, and assuming that Louisiana will be thrown out, he then proceeds to show that the House, acting on its own cognizance of the facts, and without notice from any other source can proceed to elect the President. With this idea as a premise, he proceeds with the theory that the House is judge as to the eligibility of a given vote.—say that of Louisiana, and that if it objects, that vote goes out, and in the case under consideration, there will be no election. Thus his logic is, 1. The House is judge of the eligibility of any electoral vote. 2. It can put aside any vote of which it has doubt, by a simple objection, so that it cannot be counted. 3. If the votes remaining, after the objected ballots have been put aside do not suffice to elect, the House elects, without notice or information from outside source. A very convenient doctrine, this, for the Democracy. Proceeding on this line of reasoning, he adds:

Gentlemen who talk lightly, therefore, of having the Vice President or the Senate receive and count the vote of Louisiana against the objection of the House, or of choosing some energetic man President of the Senate that they may have a forcible officer to lead the Republican party after the 4th of March, or of an interregnum in which Gen. Grant shall hold over, talk rebellion. The House of Representatives will not refuse to attend the counting of the electoral vote. It will permit the counting of every vote which it may judge lawful to be counted without its concurrence or against its judgment and direction. Whoever, by the vote so counted, shall appear to have the majority of all the electors appointed will be President, and will be accepted by the Democratic party as such; and whoever, if no President be so chosen, the popular branch of the Government shall then, in due form, choose to be President, will be so accepted by them; and it will be those who may see fit to resist the Executive thus lawfully elected who will be defying the law.

We elsewhere quote from Chancellor KENT, on this precise point, and as he flatly contradicts Mr. POTTER, and is much better authority, we leave that branch of the subject as settled. The assumption, however, that the Senate has no voice in the Presidency, so strangely underrates the powers of that body, that it is well to bear in mind just what its powers are. The President exercises all the functions of his office in concurrence with the Senate, or not at all. All his appointments, from Cabinet officials down, are valid only when confirmed by the Senate. He acts conjointly with the Senate, or fails entirely. Is it to be supposed that the Senate will recognize a President not elected in accordance with its views of right? The President of the Senate counts the electoral votes, and declares HAYES elected, and the House afterward elects TILDEN,—what then? Simply HAYES will be inaugurated, formally and rightly. The Senate will recognize him, his appointments, and orders. And if the Senate recognizes him as the rightful President, and the outgoing President, and the Cabinet officers and officers of the army and navy, who cannot be supplanted by anybody else without consent of the Senate, concur in recognizing HAYES as the President, what will that man be who rises in his seat in the House and moves to "elect" another President? He will be a rebel. Men who vote for another President will be rebels. Every man who recognizes another President will find himself in the position of those who held Mr. POTTER'S alleged views in regard to the propriety of secession. The rightfully elected President will be sustained by all the powers of the Government. That is what the entire affair will come to.

COUNTING THE VOTE.

Attention has been largely directed of late to the question of the count of the electoral votes in Congress, in the event of the Democracy being displeased with the electoral count in Florida and Louisiana. We notice that a New York lawyer enters into a lengthy argument to prove that the House can control the count. He assumes that an objection to the returns from a given State, by the House, throws out those returns. Hence if those from Florida and Louisiana were rejected, neither candidate would be elected, whereupon the House would proceed to elect. The joint rule, even were it operative, which it is not, was considered of doubtful constitutionality, while it was in force. CHARLES A. ELDREDGE, a leading Democrat, declared in 1869: "I believe that the concurrent resolution and the Twenty-second joint rule of the two Houses are both of them in contravention of the Constitution, the first utterly, and the latter in part, at least, void,—a nullity for that reason." In this even the leading men of both parties generally concurred. As the rule was practically unused, having no bearing on the count, it was allowed to stand. But it did not provide for its own continuance in force, and not having been re-enacted at the last session of Congress, fell. It has not now an existence.

This throws the question of the count back on the Constitution. It says that the President of the Senate, in the presence of the two Houses, shall open the returns, which shall be counted. The fact that it is not specifically said who shall count them is used by the Democracy to affirm that the House, or at least the Joint Convention, shall do the counting. Republicans hold that the President of the Senate counts and announces the result, neither House having the right to interfere. All the precedents established in Democratic times favor this view, and there are precedents that bear exactly on the point in issue. In 1821 this issue was raised, and the Senate refused to have it considered in joint session; and after the two bodies had separated they failed to agree, when the President of the Senate counted the vote of Missouri, giving no attention to the objections raised. Chancellor KENT, perhaps the most eminent authority on the subject, said of this identical point: "The Constitution does not expressly declare by whom the votes are to be counted and the result declared. In the case of questionable votes and a closely contested election, this power may be all-important; and I presume in the absence of all legislative provisions on the subject that the President of the Senate counts the votes and determines the result, and that the two Houses are present only as spectators to witness the fairness and accuracy of the transaction, and to act only if no choice be made by the Electors." This certainly is both explicit and conclusive.

Let us, however, assume for a moment that Congress will have a voice in determining whether any returns shall be rejected. How will this power be exercised? For example, the President of the Senate is conducting the count of the votes, and a Democratic member of the House or Senate objects to the count of the votes from Florida or Louisiana, and the objection is entertained. What course will be pursued? If precedent is followed,—and there are no rules to induce any other action,—the two Houses separate, and each votes on the question of rejecting the votes. The House is affirmative and the Senate negative. The motion falls, because of non-agreement, and the President proceeds to count the votes objected to. In any event, the result is the same. But even here, were precedents followed, the motion to object would not be entertained, as not being in order. Mr. ELDREDGE, the Democratic authority above referred to, joins in Chancellor KENT'S view. Speaking of the power of the convention of the two Houses over the votes, he said: "It has no right or power to count them merely as a matter of count; but it must count them for the purpose of the result, for the purpose of ascertaining the result,—the count itself determining the result. This is the obvious and it seems to me the only true meaning of the Constitution. To count them conditionally or hypothetically is no count at all." General BUTLER, not possibly the highest authority with the Democracy, once offered a very clear and cogent argument on this point. He said: "The Constitution of the United States says that the President of the Senate shall open in convention all the votes of all of the States, and they shall be therein counted, and it is as impossible for this House or the Senate, either jointly or separately, in concurrence or otherwise, to stop the operation of that constitutional enactment as it is to turn back the sun in its course; for, as you will see, sir, we stand in this position: If the House and Senate, by joint action beforehand, can determine what votes shall be counted and what votes shall not be counted, then the House and the Senate can determine who is and who is not to be the President of the United States, and who is and who is not to be Vice President of the United States."

The point really made by the Democracy, that the House has the control of the count of the electoral votes, because, in a certain contingency, it has the power to elect the President, has never been directly or impliedly conceded. Indeed, it was never raised until now. We do not imagine it will receive consideration in Congress, on the ground that it is too absurd to be argued or noticed. The only questions that can possibly be raised are these two: Have the two Houses, separately or combined, the power to reject the electoral vote of any State, the result of the election being affected thereby? 2. If not, has the President of the Senate the power and right to conduct the count in the presence of the two Houses, and to announce the result? Both precedents and arguments are against the first of these propositions. As we have shown, even the joint rule, under which two counts were made, was doubtfully held, and believed by many to be unconstitutional; but even if it were proper and right, has expired by limitation and has not been re-adopted. Hence it follows that the President of the Senate has the undoubted right to open and count the votes, and there is no power under the Constitution to interfere with his proceedings, so long as he opens the returns actually made, and correctly renders the result. The attempt has been made to declare this a one-man power. Not so. He has no power whatever over the result, merely opening and declaring returns made up by the state authorities, and properly transmitted to him—the two Houses being present as witnesses. Such is the law and process.

THEY get up revolutions easily in Mexico. In the count of the electoral vote, in the Mexican Congress, President LERDO had 7,536 votes for President, while 752 votes were distributed among all his competitors. His election was thereupon declared complete, when Chief Justice IGLESIAS objected, and his objection not being sustained, he "pronounced" for himself for President, and established his government at Leon. We believe a few troops are after him and his "government."

A KENTUCKY SENSATION.

Claimants for a Mammoth Fortune Found at Georgetown.

In February last Mr. Charles Robert O'Keefe, a bachelor, aged fifty-two years, died at Allahabad, India, leaving a fortune estimated at $24,000,000. Mr. O'Keefe was born in London. Both of his parents died before he reached his majority. He had one brother and sister, who are also dead. When about sixteen years of age he was apprenticed to a painter at Dungarven, County of Waterford, Ireland, to learn that trade, but not liking that occupation ran away from his master some two years later (in 1842) and went to India and enlisted in the army. Subsequently he engaged in the opium trade between India and China, probably as an agent of the East India Company, and in course of time, by close attention to business and good luck, amassed a colossal fortune. Soon after the death of Mr. O'Keefe the following notice appeared in some of the public prints, among others the *Irish World*, of New York:

"The latest mammoth fortune in search of a claimant is that of Charles Robert O'Keefe, Victoria street, Allahabad, who died February 20. It amounts to $24,000,000. George Carrington and Wm. Whigley, Solicitors of Calcutta, advertise for heirs."

This notice was the means, in a measure, of discovering three of the heirs (cousins of the deceased) to this mammoth fortune, two of whom reside in this place, the third in Danville, Ky., and the fourth—the entire number of claimants—if living, in England. The Georgetown heirs are Mr. P. J. O'Keefe and his sister, Mrs. Morrissey, who is the mother-in-law of Mr. Michael Geary, of the Georgetown gasworks. Some weeks ago Mr. Geary, who is a patron of the *Irish World*, in looking over that paper, discovered the notice published above, and the family name claiming his attention, he read the item aloud to his wife, who knew at once to whom it claimed: "That is my cousin." The Georgetown heirs expectant to this bonanza, which throws the yield of the Black Hills far into the shade, have never been blessed with more "filthy lucre" than was necessary to meet the ordinary wants of life. P. J. O'Keefe is a shoemaker, and for the past fifteen months has been working for our townsman, J. F. Gasner, at moderate wages. He has always worked at his trade, in Ireland, England and Kentucky. He came to this place from Cynthiana. He has a wife, whom he married in England, and eight children. The wife is keeping a toll gate on the Georgetown and Leesburg turnpike. The Danville brother is now in Missouri to arrange some pecuniary matters preparatory to a visit with the Georgetown brother to England and Ireland, to establish their claims to the fortune. The fourth heir, a sister, if living, is, as previously stated, in England, though nothing has been heard from her for the past eighteen years. The brothers and sisters were raised by the father of the deceased India Croesus. The Georgetown O'Keefe has received a letter from the priest who married him in England, corroborating the death of his rich cousin, and also referring to the great fortune left behind. We tell the story substantially as it was told to us by the interested parties at this place, and shall watch the sequel with no little interest; though not with the interest by a twenty-fourth million part that doubtless attaches to the party of the first part.—*Georgetown (Ky.) Times.*

A HORRIBLE DEATH.

An Eccentric Resident of New Brunswick Burned Alive.

A few minutes before 4 o'clock yesterday morning a small frame shanty on Drift lane, near Suydam street, New Brunswick, N. J., occupied by Charles Lemons, caught fire and was entirely destroyed. Lemons, the only occupant, was literally roasted to death. When the fire was discovered the neighbors gathered around and tried to effect an entrance, but Lemons had not only bolted the door, which opened inward, but had barricaded it with a heavy box and braced it with a crowbar. When the door was cut down the unfortunate man was seen sitting on the box, and an effort was made to drag him out without success. The structure was nearly destroyed when his lifeless remains were extricated. Lemons was about forty-five years of age, and was brought up on a farm. He has lived in the shanty where he died for twenty years entirely alone, and has been very miserly. He was uneducated, and never had regular employment, preferring to work at odd jobs. He owned the lot on which he built the shelter which served as a home, and left $4,100 in the New Brunswick Savings Bank and $1,000 in Government bonds. He carried a gold watch worth $150, which was destroyed in the fire. His bank-book shows deposits for fourteen years, and only once during that time had he drawn any out, and that was a short time ago, when he drew $20 to pay his expenses at the Centennial.—*New York World.*

Slovenly Grammar.

It is impossible to make an angel of a young lady who persistently uses bad grammar. No matter how pretty she may be, or how attractive her outside appearance, all that goes for naught if she says "Good mornin'" and "Good evenin'." Suppose she comes, like the Queen of Sheba, "with a very great train," and fails to put adjectives after her propositions, will it not mar the glory of her coming? Seriously, should a woman be called "graceful" who continually stumbles over her final consonants, and says, "Lemme go," "a good 'eal," "firs' rate," "han' me that blottin paper." It's pleasant thing to hear from the lips of your sweetheart, your own especial beloved one, that she resolutely declined young Phitkin's invitation to the theatre, but when the artless maid half closes her eyes and murmurs, "If he came for me in a golden chariot I wouldn't have went," you don't feel so comfortable, so negligently at ease as you were before that last remark of Araminta's. Woman should not deceive themselves. The most uncouth, illiterate man knows what elegant and correct English is when he hears it. He may not be able to string three words correctly himself, but he snuffs the harmony of a rounded sentence from afar. It is instinctive. See how workingmen hang upon the words of an orator. Of his meaning they know little or nothing, but the "energy number and cadence" they catch, and the harmonious sound pleases the car.

ALLEN C. LAROS, the Easton murderer, is not expected to live until the day of his execution. He is sinking rapidly under frequently recurring spasmodic attacks.

THE COURT RECORD.

Proceedings in the Several Courts Saturday.

Supreme Court.

CHIEF JUSTICE AGNEW AND JUSTICES SHARSWOOD, GORDON, PAXSON AND WOODWARD.

Opinions and decisions were made in the following cases at the final session of the October term of the Supreme Court:

Appeal of Francis Johnson from the decree of the Orphans' Court of Fayett county. Decree affirmed with costs to be paid by appellant and appeal dismissed.

Appeal of Joshua M. Dushane in the matter of the will of Sidney Connell, deceased. Orphans' Court, Fayette county Decree affirmed.

John Schnatterly et al. vs. Alex Crow et al. Common Pleas, Fayette county. Judgment affirmed.

Andrew Stewart's executors and Alfred E. Meason vs. David Begg. Common Pleas, Fayette county. Judgment affirmed.

Wheeling, Pittsburgh and Baltimore Railroad Company et al. vs. John Clemens, executor. Common Pleas of Washington county. Judgment affirmed.

Hugh Lavery vs. Alex. Swaney. Common Pleas of Crawford county. Judgment affirmed.

Thos. B. Kennedy and wife vs. Daniel Wagoner. Common Pleas of Crawford county. Judgment affirmed.

Geo. A. Guernsey vs. H. R. and H. C. McClintock. Common Pleas of Crawford county. Judgment affirmed.

P. Connery vs. L. D. Henderson. Common Pleas of Butler county. Judgment affirmed.

Adam P. Hopkins, apeal from the decree of the Orphan's Court of Washington county, in the matter of the estate of Thomas Hopkins, deceased. Judgment affirmed.

J. T. Crosdale vs. Jane Tallant. Common Pleas of Crawford county. Judgment affirmed.

Matthias Spearman and Wm. M. Thompson vs. Alex. A. Smyth. Common Pleas of Crawford county. Judgment affirmed without costs of writ of error.

Wm. P. Book vs. Olmstead & Jewhurst. Common Pleas of Butler county. Judgment affirmed.

Appeals of Bogue & Son, S. Stain & Co., and Newburger and Nockstadters from the Common Pleas of Fayette county. Decree reversed at the cost of the appellees and record remitted to the Court below that distribution may be there made. Opinion by Sharswood.

Commonwealth ex rel. Attorney General vs. George Walter. Error to the Common Pleas of Butler county. Order of the Court below quashing the writ of quo warranto affirmed and a *procedendo* awarded. Opinion by Paxson.

U. S. District Court.

JUDGE KETCHUM.

Joseph H. Randall, bankrupt, Mercer county, was discharged from all his debts.

Philip F. Schuchman, bankrupt, Pittsburgh. Order made for a meeting of the creditors on the 11th prox. to consider a proposition for composition.

Thomas King, bankrupt, Venango county. The assignee's report of the sale of certain property presented and confirmed, nisi.

Alexander Weinberg, bankrupt, Venango county. Order made for the examination of said bankrupt and his wife before Register Rogers.

Ernest Dietrich, bankrupt, Pittsburgh. Order made for a meeting of the creditors on the 11th prox. to consider a proposition for composition.

Carrier & Baum, bankrupts, Pittsburgh. Petition of Thomas Mellon for an order dissolving the restraining order granted, and issued against her presented, and rule granted on S. P. Fulton to show cause, etc.

Charles Gavitt, bankrupt, Mercer county. Order made for a hearing on the 15th prox., in the meantime restraining M. Messick.

Joseph B. Dawson, bankrupt, Allegheny county. Order made for the sale of certain book accounts.

S. F. DeJones, bankrupt, Pittsburgh. Petition for discharge executed and the usual order made.

F. W. Huidekoper vs. A. M. Bronson. Petition presented for a dissolution of the restraining order granted against the Bank of North America, and hearing on same fixed for the 16th prox.

DeGroot, Kunkle & Co., bankrupts, Allegheny city. Hearing on motion for injunction against Isaac Irwin for the 4th prox.

W. L. Evans, bankrupt, Westmoreland county. Hearing on motion for injunction against D. Tinsman et al. fixed for the 29th inst.

Thomas King, bankrupt, Venango county. Private sale of certain judgments ordered.

Kerr Brothers, bankrupts, Pittsburgh. Restraining order granted against certain execution creditors.

Wm. McKinney & Son, bankrupts, Allegheny county. Real estate ordered to be sold.

Henderson Rodgers, bankrupt, Butler county. Assignee's report of real estate presented and confirmed absolute.

Edward S. Stickney, cashier of the Union Stock Yard National Bank of Chicago, filed a petition in bankruptcy against Alexander Greenwald, of Allegheny city. The usual order to show cause granted.

Orsamus Byers, bankrupt, Mercer county. Register's report of composition proceedings presented and order for meeting of creditors to inquire whether the same had been properly passed.

Citizens bank of Titusville, bankrupt. Wm. H. Abbott allowed to resign assigneeship and W. W. Thompson appointed.

W. C. Bryson, bankrupt, Butler county. Assignee's report of sale of real estate and personal property confirmed *nisi*.

T. M. Jenkins et al. vs. steam tug Three Lights, in admiralty. P. C. Knox, Esq., appointed commissioner to examine the claims and distribute the fund.

Rowan McClure vs. steamer James B. Williams, in admiralty. S. C. McCandless appointed commissioner to take testimony.

Common Pleas, No 1.

JUDGES STERRETT AND COLLIER.

The argument list was taken up and a number of cases disposed of, none of which were of any general interest.

Common Pleas No. 2.

JUDGES KIRKPATRICK AND WHITE.

In this court a number of cases on the argument list were disposed of.

Criminal Court.

JUDGE EWING.

There was but little business transacted in this court Saturday, none of which were of public interest.

Court Brevities.

THE December session of the Criminal Court will commence Monday next.

THERE will be at least four homicide cases for trial at December session of the Oyer and Terminer Court of this county.

AS STATED in the GAZETTE of Saturday morning, the several Judges of the County Courts met Saturday, at twelve o'clock, for the purpose of electing a County Engineer, and after balloting for over three hours, elected Mr. James H. Reno, who is said to be a very competent and suitable person for the position.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers of real estate have been placed on file in the Recorder's office since our last report:

James H. White to C. E. Carlson, September 19, 1874; lot in McKeesport.....$350
Miller H. England to Mary M. Miller, November 24, 1876; lot in Seventeenth ward, city.....1,300
Rev. David E. Kerr to the executors of G. E. Wyner, deceased, April 11, 1876; strip of land at Osborn station.....80
Same to James M. L. Orchard of Pittsburgh, September 1, 1876; lot on Second avenue, Twenty-third ward.....925
Joseph Brodbeck to Mrs. Margaret Grebe, November 20, 1874; 4 lots in Verona.....4,650
Aug. Schultz to Philip Luh, September 14, 1876; lot in Second ward, Allegheny.....400
Same to same, September 14, 1876; 2 lots in Seventh ward, Allegheny.....450
Sheriff Harper to Wm. Patterson, July 17, 1876; interest of John Gillander to lot on Nixon street, Sixth ward, Allegheny.....100
Wm. Patterson to Bella H. Y. Hill, November 22, 1876; the above lot.....1,375

STATE NEWS.

THE late Col. Woodward, of Parker City had his life insured for $125,000.

A NEW telegraph wire is being erected between Butler and Parker City.

JAMES MADDEN, a Pennsylvania Railroad brakeman, was caught between cars at Pomeroy station on Saturday morning, and fatally crushed. He lives in Columbia.

THERE is said to be an immense rush of travel and business to the Clarion oil district, where the outlook for a continuance of the oil trade for an indefinite period is very favorable.

A FEW days ago a little eight year old girl at Butler played suicide. She fastened a towel to her neck and a hook in the wall, and then knocked the chair from under her feet. She was choked until her face resembled a black mass, when her parents discovered her.

MISS ELLA LAYCOCK, daughter of Mr. B. T. Laycock, of Bloomsburg, Luzerne county, being thwarted in love, resolved to become a nun. So she fled to Scranton to St. Cecelia's convent. Her father would have none of it, so telegraphed to an officer, who intercepted her and took her home.

WOLVES have made their appearance in Blacklick township, Cambria county, in considerable numbers, and serious apprehension is felt among the farmers in consequence. Last winter there were a great many in the wilds of Clearfield country, and they may have migrated to Blacklick.

A YOUNG man named Sarber, residing six or seven miles from Pottstown, was found dead last Thursday morning, having committed suicide by hanging himself. He was engaged to be married to a very highly esteemed young lady named Wiand, and the wedding was to have taken place on Saturday.

THE committal of J. F. Deets, of Parker City, to the Kittanning jail on a charge of bigamy, preferred by T. F. Stevenson in behalf of Mrs. Deets No. 1, has already been noted. On Saturday Stevenson was arrested at Parker on a similar charge made against him by Deets' mother, who alleges that he has a wife at Franklin. The accused entered bail.

THE Titusville *Courier* for bloodthirsty and insane political incendiarism surpasses the most radical sheet in the South. Its editor is M. N. Allen, a bitter, howling Democrat, who is now yelling for war, and who would be the first man to enlist in the home guards. The Jamestown (N. Y.) *Journal*, gives this interesting little bit of personal history concerning Mr. Allen when he lived in that State: "This is an old trick of Mr. Allen's, for his attitude during the war of the rebellion was precisely the same as now. He was then a resident of this State, and by his denouncing the Government, uttering treasonable sentiments, and advising insurrection, his neighbors invited him to join a pleasure excursion, in which the entire procession acted as escort to Mr. Allen and he occupied a seat of honor on a rail. They also invited him to be present at a little party where they were to open a barrel of tar and a feather bed, but through the intervention of his friends Mr. Allen was not forced to accept this invitation."

REGULATING THE WEATHER.

How Science Has Done Much Toward a Solution of the Problem.

A writer in *Lippincott*, discussing the question, "Can we modify or control the weather?" believes that in the establishment of weather bureaus in this and other countries a grand step has been made towards its solucion. The old fatalistic notions which heretofore prevailed have given way to the conviction of human responsibility, and man's cultivated intelligence, ever on the alert to find the causes of all human ills, cannot long continue to see his fields and harvests blighted by droughts and floods, insects and frosts. In this connection the paucity of the rainfall in certain sections, like the low and rather barren soils of Southern New Jersey, comes in for a passing notice. Here rain-bearing clouds often hover for days over the drought-afflicted fields and then disappear without a drop of rain, a result due to the fact that the soil there has been robbed of its trees to furnish fuel for manufactories and farmers. These rain clouds are attracted to certain localities more than to others, and nature's chief conductors are the trees, which not only serve as such, but through their roots and fallen leaves hold and absorb heavy rains, and prevent inundations, besides breaking the force of destructive winds and equalizing the temperature. To atone for the injurious consequences resulting from the ignorance and selfish recklessness of those who are constantly denuding the surface of the earth, many expedients have been proposed, but we incline to the belief that the most effacacious is that of the National Forest Council, recently in session in New York city, which amply demonstrated the necessity of systematic action upon the subject by agriculturists and others, and urged the planting of trees in denuded localities, and their preservation where existing. Aside from their beauty, their usefulness is fully proved in warding off pestilence by absorbing malaria, in producing beneficial climatic changes, in averting droughts and famine, in aiding commerce by keeping our rivers in a navigable state, and by affording homes to insectiverous birds. There is certainly more than sentimentalism in the plea of "Woodman, spare that tree," as arboriculture can be made to pay in more ways than one.

Misplaced Sympathy.

With the approach of the railroad the San Antonio boy is becoming worse and worse.

This morning about half past ten quite a large crowd assembled around a boy in front of Jim Trainer's saloon, who was crying as if his heart would break, because he had lost a quarter. His sobs were heartrending, and could be heard several yards distant. Some soft-hearted individual suggested that probably the boy was in mortal fear of the brutality of an enraged parent at the loss of the money. In less than a minute the little fellow's tears were chased away by smiles as about a dollar's worth of dimes were forced upon him.

"You were crying about your father. Afraid of him, ain't you?" inquired the man who had first made the suggestion.

The boy nodded a mute assent.

"You were crying so hard because he beats you, I suppose," continued the man.

"Tain't that I so scared about. I was afeard it would be a long time before he would give me another such a chance to hook a quarter out of his vest, and I've got to have a smoke."

There wasn't a dry eye in the crowd as the little fellow sheered across the street for Riche's tobacco store.—*San Antonio Herald.*

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DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCIAL.

Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, MONDAY, November 27, 1876.

In general banking and business dullness is still the feature, but with indications of returning confidence which promise the speedy end of the lethargy. The belief is steadily growing that danger from political complications is steadily lessening, and that very soon it will have practically disappeared. The stiffness of the price of oil here, and its advance abroad, and the harmony existing in the ranks of producers and refiners, is just now exerting more influence in inspiring confidence than any one form of business whatever. Large sales are reported to have been made last week on foreign account, which means cash, and the increased activity not only of that branch of trade, but of many subsidiary forms of business. The announced determination to hold the trade down to a legitimate business basis is one element in this returning spirit of confidence. This aside, and the various depressing influences are thought to be yielding to a more hopeful spirit.

The banks are prepared to meet all legitimate demands, and can accommodate all acceptable paper at regular rates. A conservative policy has naturally obtained, but more ease and freedom will probably be manifested ere long.

NATIONAL BANKS.

A national bank may, of course, exist, and do an active business without having a dollar of circulation of its own issue. It may use, in the transaction of its regular business, the issues of other national banks, or the United States demand notes. And it is also a curious fact that a national bank, though established under a banking system which was at first mainly started for the purpose of absorbing and permanently holding United States bonds, may live, move, and flourish upon a very small stock of government—so small as would seem hardly to entitle it to name of national.

Fifty thousand dollars is the maximum of United States bonds required for the organization of a national bank of the largest amount of capital, and there is no limit, under the bank act, to the size of the capital of any national bank.

And any national bank to-day carrying a large amount of United States bonds as security for circulation, may, by depositing with the Comptroller of the Currency 90 per cent. of the par value of the bonds, (90 per cent. in legal tender) relieve itself of all its bonds in excess of $50,000. There is no question to-day that is being more actively discussed in banking circles than that of the profits of this circulation, which we have shown to be optional—which may be given up, in whole or part, at any moment by any bank so disposed.

We may further say, that we believe there is no other question upon which there is so much honest difference of opinion, so very tenaciously clung to and supported by the most earnest, and often plausible arguments.

THE NEW FUNDING LOAN.

It does appear to us that there are very good grounds for the opinion, now being so widely held, that the new four and one-half per cent. bonds are being issued under a law that was repealed. July 14, 1870, authority was given for these bonds, but after this the Revised Statutes were adopted, and in these Revised Statutes may be found a provision repealing all acts of Congress prior to December 1, 1873, any portion of which is in any section of said revision. In page 79 of this revision a part of the act of July 14, 1870, is to be found, therefore, the entire authority of the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to the 4½ and 4 per cent. bonds fully repealed?

SAVINGS BANKS.

The report of the officers of the West Boston Savings Bank, endorsed by the Savings Bank Commissioners, fixing April 1, 1877, as the time when the bank can safely resume, is a very gratifying one. Those who knew Mr. Adams, the President, and Mr. French, the Treasurer, were confident that the affairs of the bank would be managed with integrity and ability, and the results justify their opinion, a state of solvency having been attained sooner than was anticipated. If we could have had the New Hampshire law, in the settlement of the affairs of this and other banks, much hardship might have been avoided, without interfering with the return of the bank to a solvent condition.

Robinson Bros., Brokers, No. 78 Fifth avenue, furnish the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

Gold	109½	5-20's 1868-coupons	117½
U. S. 6's, 1881, coup	120½	" 1865	117½
" 1865	109¾	Currency 6's	124
" 1865 new	112¾	New 5 per cents	112¾
5-20's 1867	115⅞	10-40's coupons	114⅝

RAILWAYS.

N. Y. Central	102⅜	Ohio & Mississippi	48
Erie	9⅜	Union Pacific	59⅜
L. Shore	72	Toledo & Wabash	6⅝
C. & A. I. C.	3	Harlem	136
St. Paul	20¾	Adams Express	135
Do. Pref	52¼	American Express	57¼
Michigan Southern	87¼	U. S. Express	61
Do. Central	44	W. Fargo & Co. Ex	67
Northwestern com.	35⅜	Quicksilver	13½
Do. Pref	68¼	Fort Wayne	101⅛
Rock Island	99⅞	Hannibal & St. Jo.	13
Chicago & Pittsb'g	88¾	Panama	120
Pacific Mail	24⅞	Iron Mountain	12
Western Union Tel.	77⅛	N. J. Central	93⅝
Dolaware, L. & W.	71¼		

Robinson Bros furnish the following quotations of active stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board.

P. R. R. (B)	46	Cen. Trans (B)	40
Reading (A)	24½	Empire do. (A)	50
C. Cons. (A)	13	N. C. 6's	40
Oil Creek (B)	8½	P. C. & St. L. 7's (B	81
Lehigh Valley (A)	48¾	N. Pacific bonds (A)	81

NEW YORK, November 25, 1876.

Money closed easy at 2@2½; prime mercantile paper 4@6. The customs receipts were $211,000. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $29,000. The clearings were $16,000,000. Sterling 481@483. Gold closed at 109a109¾.

The following is the weekly bank statement:

Loans, decrease	$1,659,400
Specie, increase	1,019,000
Legal tenders, decrease	897,600
Deposits, decrease	1,381,500
Circulation, increase	56,100
Reserve, increase	466,775

Governments were dull and lower. State bonds were quiet and nominal. Railroad bonds were firmer and in good demand. The stock market was strong and higher on the announcement that the Michigan Central had raised its rates on certain classes of freight, and that passenger rates would probably be advanced, as well as on reports from Chicago that the basis of a settlement had been virtually agreed upon by the Eastern trunk lines. The improvement ranged from ½ to 1 per cent. Lake Shore was most active, and closed at 57¼@57⅜, after selling up from 56¾ to 57¾. Michigan Central was strong and rose to 44 1-4, closing at 44. St. Paul common advanced to 20¾ and preferred to 52½, with the closing sales at 20¼@52 1-4 respectively. Northwest shares were firm at 35 1-4 for common and 58 1-4 for preferred. At the close Rock Island fell off to 98¾, and finally rallied to 99. Wabash advanced to 6¾. Union Pacific sold at 59 1-4@59½. Western Union was steady at 77 3-4@77¼, and New York Central at 102 3-4@103. Coal stocks were irregular, but in the main higher. New Jersey Central advanced from 93 1-4 to 93 3-8, closing at 93½. Delaware, Lackawanna & Western closed at 71¼, after selling down to 70¾. The transactions at the Stock Exchange aggregated 91,600 shares, with the principal dealings as follows: Lake Shore, 31,000; Rock Island, 2,400, St. Paul, 7,900; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 15,300; New Jersey Central, 6,900; Michigan Central, 11,200.

Government.—United States Coupons 1881, 117½; 5-20s '65, 109½; 5-20s new, 112½; 5-20s '67, 115½; do. '68, 117½; 10-40s, 112½; 5-30s do. coupons, 114½; new 5s, 112½; 115½; do. coupons, 114½; new 4½, 109½; currency 6s, 124.

State Bonds.—Tennessees old, 44½; do. new, 44½; Virginia new, 30; do. old, 30; Missouri 6s, 105¾.

Stocks.—Western Union Telegraph Company, 77½; Quicksilver, 13¼; do. preferred, 21½; Pacific Mail, 24½; Mariposa, 4½; do. preferred, 4½; Adams Express, 105; Wells, Fargo & Company's Express, 87; American Express, 61; United States Express, 56; New York Central, 102½; Erie, 9½; do. preferred, 16; Harlem, 136; do. preferred, 133; Michigan Central, 44; Panama, 125; Union Pacific, 59 1-4; Lake Shore, 57¼; Illinois Central, 72; Cleveland & Pittsburgh, 88½; Northwestern common, 35¾; do. preferred, 68½; C. C. C. & I., 36; New Jersey Central, 93½; Rock Island, 99; St. Paul, 20; do. preferred, 52½; Toledo & Wabash, 6½; do. preferred, 14; Fort Wayne, 101½; Terre Haute, 10¾; do. preferred, 116; Chicago & Alton, 99; do. preferred, 108; Ohio & Mississippi, 6¾; Delaware & Lackawanna, 71¼; Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Company, 15; Missouri Pacific, 3; Atlantic & Pacific preferred, 9; Indiana Central, 3; Burlington & Quincy, 112½; Hannibal & St. Joseph, 13; Central Pacific, 100½; Union Pacific, 105½; Union Pacific land grants, 100½; Union Pacific Sinking Fund, 90½.

LONDON, November 25.—The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day was £122,000. Consols, 95 9-16; 5-20s '65, 103½; do. '67, 109½; 10-40s, 107½; new 5s, 105½; New York Central, 96; Erie, 9½; do. preferred, 16.

PARIS, November 25.—Rentes, 104f 52½c.

FRANKFORT, November 25.—U. S. new 5s, 101½.

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY, Nov. 25, 1876.

The leading merchandise markets continue dull, and present nothing new or important. As regards values, there have been no changes deserving of special notice.

APPLES—There is an increasing demand, but no improvement in prices, which we continue to quote at $1 to $1 50 per bbl.

APPLE-BUTTER—Has commenced to come forward freely, and may be quoted at 35a40c per gallon.

BUTTER—Dealers nearly all report an increasing demand for prime table Butter, and for such the market is firmer. Prime to choice rolls, 22a25c. Low grade Butter continues very dull.

BEANS—In fair demand, with sales at $1,50a1,75 per bushel, as to quality.

BROOM CORN—Demand fair for small lots only; no car lots moving unless at a sacrifice. No. 1 hurl, 5a5½c; No. 2 hurl, 4½a5c; choice green brush that will work up, 5a5½; choice corn or stalk brush, 5a5½c; choice covers and insides, 3a3½; inferior, 3 a4½; crooked, 2½a3½.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—3¼a4 cents.

CRANBERRIES—$8a10 per bbl.

CHESTNUTS—Sales at $3,25a3,50 ⅌ bushel.

CIDER—In pooling forward, choice green brush that will work up, 5a5½; choice corn or stalk braid, 5a5½

HOME NEWS.

The probabilities for to-day are easterly winds, falling barometer, stationary temperatures, and rain or snow, followed by northerly winds and cooler, partly cloudy weather.

Amusements To-night.

At the Opera House this evening Oliver Doud Byron will appear in his new play called "Hero."

Mrs. Henrietta Chanfrau makes her appearance at Library Hall to-night as *Grace Stanley* in "Parted."

Accidental Death.

On Saturday evening about four o'clock a little four year old son of Charles Beilstein, who keeps a saloon on Ohio street, opposite East street, fell off a porch and fractured his skull, from the effect of which he died yesterday morning. The boy was on the porch playing with an article to which a string was attached. A playmate was below trying to catch it, and in his eagerness to prevent him the child fell off and was fatally hurt.

He Loved Her Madly.

William Madden, of Washington county, maddened by the prospect of losing the woman he loved, tried to commit suicide on Friday night by taking poison. He is about twenty-two years old, and his parents are wealthy. He met a handsome widow, a seamstress, at the Centennial, and was smitten by her. By representing that she could get plenty of work in her house in Washington, Pa., he induced her to locate in that place. Here Madden found a dangerous rival in the widow's affections, and this fact, coupled with the refusal of his parents to allow him to marry her, led him to make an attempt on his own life. A stomach pump saved him.

A Good Haul Barely Missed.

The family of Mr. T. McKnight, residing at No. 121 Arch street, Allegheny, went to church last night, leaving at home two children and a colored domestic. The house was entered by thieves during the absence of the adults, who carried a trunk containing $300 in cash and about half a peck of jewelry from the second story to the back yard. It is supposed they were engaged plundering the trunk when the door bell rang, which frightened them away. Had they finished their job they would have made a good haul, but as it was they only got some old copper cents and a few silver coins. How they missed the money and jewelry is rather remarkable, and only to be accounted for on the supposition that they were novices in the business.

A LEAP IN THE DARK.

A Young Man in Allegheny Commits Suicide.

Wm. Eckert, a young man residing with his parents in the Eleventh ward, Allegheny City, suddenly terminated his earthly existence Saturday morning by shooting himself through the brain with a pistol. He was a tinner by trade, and having been out of employment for several weeks past and failing in his many repeated attempts to obtain work had become exceedingly despondent for the past few days. He arose Saturday morning more gloomy than ever, and before breakfast walked out of the house into the front yard, in which, a moment afterward, a pistol shot passed out, his friends heard the report of a pistol, and on hastening out found him lying on the ground in the last agonies of death with a bullet in his brain, and the pistol from which the fatal shot was fired still clenched in his right hand. He expired before he could be removed into the house. The Coroner was notified and held an inquest on the body Saturday evening, when the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the above facts.

THREE ORDINANCES.

Regulations for Junk Shops and Pawnbrokers—The Waiter Girl Establishments to be Squelched.

On Saturday evening the sub-committee of the Police Committee, which was appointed to consider the ordinances in relation to junk shops, pawn brokers, and "daily waiter" beer saloons, met in City Hall. The committee was composed of Dr. J. Guy McCandless, John A. Fox, Esq., Mr. W. W. Thompson, and Mr. Dickson. The Mayor was also present by request to give suggestions in regard to the wording of the ordinances. The ordinance regulating pawnbrokers was first considered. After several alterations and amendments it was affirmatively recommended to Councils.

The first section states who shall be considered a pawnbroker, viz: "Any person who loans money on deposit of personal property, or who deals in the purchase of personal property, on condition of selling the same back again at a stipulated price, or who makes a public display at his place of business of the sign generally used by pawnbrokers." Sections two and three provide that no person shall do business as a pawnbroker without first having obtained a license from the Mayor, and given bond in $1 000 for the due observance of all ordinances affecting his business. Sections four, five and six provide that "every pawnbroker shall keep a register in which shall register shall have the date and names of all persons who have left with them any property; opposite such name and date shall be entered a full description of such property, the time when the loan is due, the amount loaned and the interest charged. In addition to this he shall give the party negotiating a plain written or printed ticket, having upon it a copy of the entries required by this ordinance to be kept in his register. For this ticket he shall not make any charge. This register shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Mayor and the Chief of Police, or any person who shall be duly authorized." License shall be $200 per annum. Sections seven, eight, nine and ten are as follows: "No pawnbroker shall receive any article of pledge or pawn, any articles from minors at any time, any person between the hours of eight o'clock P. M. and seven o'clock A. M. Every pawnbroker doing business shall file with the Controller the street and number where his business is carried on, and shall not remove to have more than one place for transacting the business of pawnbroking, without having first obtained a license for every such place. Nor shall it be lawful for any one to act as agent for a pawnbroker at any other place than the stated place filed with the Controller. No pawnbroker shall make any loan on the separate or divided parts of any article. Any pawnbroker who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof before the Mayor be fined not less than $50 nor more than $100, and in addition thereto his license may be forfeited if it is so adjudged by the Mayor."

The ordinance in relation to junk shops was, after amendments, recommended for passage as follows: "Any person or persons buying or selling old junk, old lead, metal, or any articles usually found in junk shops shall pay a license of $50 per annum, and any one carrying on any shop as herein mentioned without a license, shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than $5 nor more than $100, and any person keeping a junk shop, or buying old lead, iron, lead pipes, paper, or any articles found in old junk shops, shall keep a register of names and residences of all parties from whom they purchase such articles. Said register shall be kept open for the examination of the police, and any owner or keeper of such shop failing to keep such a register shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined not less than $5 nor more than $100, or be imprisoned for a term not exceeding ninety days."

The ordinance relative to liquor saloons was the last one considered, and the section in regard to lady-waiter saloons occupied considerable time in its disposal. The Mayor, who was present, stated the result of some of his observations in these saloons, indicative of their immoral tendency. The section, as finally adopted, reads as follows: "Any keeper of a drinking saloon, dramshop, beer saloon or garden, or place of public resort, who shall employ a woman other than a member of their own immediate family as a carrier of beer, wine or spirituous or malt liquor of any kind, either in the day or night time, or permit any person to sing or dance in a lewd or indecent manner, or permit any such lewd woman to act as bartender in any such house or place, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof be fined not less than $50 nor more than $100."

All three ordinances will be presented to Councils to-day by Captain Fox, chairman of the Police Committee. They will probably meet with considerable opposition, as the whole monied force of those directly interested will be brought to bear to prevent their passage.

Ne Sutor Ultra Crepidam.

Corns and other painful excrescences of the feet are not so much the result of wearing a tight boot or shoe, as the wearing of a clumsy or ill-fitting one. Variety in the form of the foot is as distinctly marked as in that of the head or face. Then the last on which the boot or shoe is given its form should be numberless in variety. While many boots and shoes are manufactured without the use of the last, regard being had only to the general measurement, E. Taggart, No. 129 Federal street, Allegheny, makes a specialty of having his manufactures not only stick closely to the last, but has a great number of varieties of the same measurement, so that the most irregular and abnormal form of foot may be comfortably fitted. The price of such a boot or shoe is a small item in comparison with the comfort it induces.

French Bread.

The following parties are agents for our fine breads in neighboring towns:

G. Wilson Miller & Bro., Butler, Pa.
John Agne, Sewickley, Pa.
A. T. Dorrington, Hazelwood, Pa.
Ira Hatheway, Petrolia, Pa.
J. B. Wilson, Washington, Pa.
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Stores having a first class trade in towns not allotted to an agent will find it to their interest to apply at once. Our bread is made of flour that costs families $10 per barrel. We bake before 6 A. M. and ship the bread (charges paid) by first express every morning.

S. S. MARVIN & Co.,
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A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

A Man Murders His Wife and Then Kills Himself.

The Result of Family Difficulties—A Lifetime of Domestic Harmony Horribly Ended—Details of the Dual Crime—A Stricken Household's Grief.

It has not been more than a week since we had occasion to say in the GAZETTE that no city in the Union could show more murders in its criminal annals than Pittsburgh. The developments that have been made during the past two days, are such as to give a grim significance to the saying. In another column of this issue of the GAZETTE is given the particulars of the homicide that occurred Friday night, and to-day we are called upon to chronicle a murder of the most horrible and revolting nature—a double crime, the like of which occurs but seldom in the history of any place. A man who has lived in harmony and peace with his wife until long after both have passed the meridian of life, who have together raised a family of children until the latter have reached the age that they can do for themselves, and leave the parental roof to buffit with the storms of the world, conceive a dislike for each other, and live in the same house together for months with the bitterest enmity between them. So great is their rage and antipathy toward each other that the wife lives in continued fear for her life, and the sad wreck of domestic happiness finally ends in a tragedy, that sends a thrill of horror through every heart. The husband, actuated by unreasonable and unexplainable hatred or malice, deliberately murders the woman he had vowed to cherish and support, and then in the extremity of remorse, the fear of punishment or weariness of life, deliberately ends his own existence with a firm hand, and recklessly rushes to meet his victim in the boundless realms of the Beyond.

The Tragedy.

that occurred yesterday is one that has not been surpassed in its horrible details since the Hammett murder two or three years ago. The details of the terrible affair are as follows:

About twenty-four years ago a stone mason, named Charles Oppermann, emigrated to this country with his wife, Barbara, and settled in Allegheny City. As he was of a sober and industrious character he soon found employment, and lived for a number of years without experiencing any domestic or financial difficulties. About ten or twelve years ago, having saved some little money, he purchased a piece of property on East street, in Reserve township, about 200 yards from the present line of Allegheny City. As he still continued to prosper he erected a two story brick dwelling house on the property and removed into it, from the frame building which he had occupied until then. In this house he has resided ever since and raised a family of seven children. Sometime ago his oldest son married and left the house, and about two years since occupied the second story of the house with old Mrs. Oppermann, and her children lived with them, while Mr. Oppermann, when at home, occupied a room in the lower part of the house.

THE FIRST TROUBLE.

Some years ago trouble broke out between the elder Oppermann and his wife, and they have never lived together happily since then. Finally she sued him for not supporting her. He was arrested, settled the case and paid the costs, and since that time she has sued him a number of times for abandonment and desertion. The cases occasionally got into the courts, and thus cost him a considerable sum of money. This aggravated him the more ahead of settling the troubles between them.

Last summer he became so angry after one of these suits that he obtained a gun and made threats of killing his wife. She however got hold of the gun before and at this